

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Further to the Amendment filed by Applicant on January 20, 2006, Applicant has amended Fig. 7 and pages 14, 15 and the Abstract to change reference numeral 10, as referenced in these parts of the application, to 10' so as to avoid multiple use of reference numeral 10 for different elements.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Grey for holding an interview with the attorney of record on January 26, 2006 during which time the amendment to the claims was discussed relative to Figs. 1 and 2 of the application. The Examiner expressed her initial determination that the amendment to the claims would avoid further rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and would place the application in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner confirmed that it would be necessary for her to confer with her supervisory for a final determination.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

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According to the present invention, there is provided a security thread whose existence is not clarified, which is prevented beforehand from being removed, which can be attached even to a form of a commodity heretofore regarded as difficult, and whose use purpose range is enlarged, and the security thread can be constituted by a core member comprising a soft magnetic fiber (1) or the soft magnetic fiber and a core thread (4), and a cover member (2, 3) comprising a nonmetal material to cover the core member, constituted by covering the core member comprising the soft magnetic fiber or the soft magnetic fiber and core thread and a semi-hard magnetic material (10') with the cover member, or constituted by covering the soft magnetic fiber or the core member comprising the soft magnetic fiber and a thermal welding thread (9) with the cover member.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Fig. 7, wherein "10" has been changed to 10'.

Attachment: Replacement sheet